

Sub C17 1. (Twice amended) A safety closure comprising:

an outer cap, comprising a first top wall and a first cylindrical skirt depending from said first top wall, an inner surface of said first top wall having a plurality of lugs radially disposed thereon; and

B 1 an inner cap being rotatably received by the outer cap, said inner cap comprising a second top wall and a second cylindrical skirt depending from said second top wall, a plurality of recesses are radially disposed and formed at an intersection of said second top wall and said second cylindrical skirt,

said recesses and lugs being shaped such that said lugs are engaged by at least some of said recesses when said outer cap is turned in a closure application direction causing said closure to be applied to a container, said recesses and lugs being further shaped such that said lugs are not engaged by said recesses when said outer cap is turned in a closure opening direction unless a force urging said outer cap towards said inner cap is being applied to said outer cap, and when the force is applied to said outer cap and said outer cap is simultaneously turned in the closure opening direction said lugs are engaged by inclined walls of said recesses allowing said inner cap to be rotated and removed from the container.

B 2 3. (Twice amended) The closure of claim 1, wherein said lugs slide up said inclined walls when said outer cap is turned in the closure opening direction and the force is not being applied to the outer cap.

Sub C27 8. (Twice amended) A child resistant safety closure comprising:

an outer cap, comprising a first top wall and a first cylindrical skirt depending from said first top wall, a plurality of lugs are radially disposed and formed at an intersection of said first top wall and said first cylindrical skirt; and

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B an inner cap being rotatably received by the outer cap, said inner cap comprising a second top wall and a second cylindrical skirt depending from said second top wall, a plurality of recesses are formed on an outer surface of said second top wall,

said recesses and lugs being shaped such that said lugs are engaged by at least some of said recesses when said outer cap is turned in a closure application direction, said recesses and lugs being further shaped such that said lugs are not engaged by said recesses when said outer cap is turned in a closure opening direction unless a force urging said outer cap towards said inner cap is simultaneously applied to said outer cap forcing said lugs to be engaged by inclined walls of said recesses.

B4 10 (Twice amended). The closure of claim 9, wherein said lugs slide up said inclined walls when said outer cap is turned in the closure opening direction and the force is not being applied to the outer cap.

11. (Twice amended) The closure of claim 8, wherein said lugs slide up said inclined walls when the force is not being applied to the outer cap.

Sub c37 15. (Twice amended) A safety closure comprising:

an outer cap, comprising a first top wall and a first cylindrical skirt depending from said first top wall, a plurality of lugs are radially disposed and formed at an intersection of said first top wall and said first cylindrical skirt; and

B an inner cap being rotatably received by the outer cap, said inner cap comprising a second top wall and a second cylindrical skirt depending from said second top wall, a plurality of recesses are radially disposed and formed at an intersection of said second top wall and said second cylindrical skirt, each of said recesses comprise a vertical wall and an inclined wall,

said lugs and recesses are shaped such that said lugs are engaged by said vertical walls when said outer cap is turned in a closure application direction, said lugs slide up said inclined walls when said outer cap is turned in a closure opening direction and a force urging said outer cap towards said inner cap is not being applied to the outer cap, and said lugs are engaged by said inclined walls when said outer cap is turned in the closure opening direction while the force is being applied to said outer cap.

Please add new claims 21 and 22 as follows:

Sub c4/ 21. The closure of claim 1, wherein said outer cap is free to move in both vertical and horizontal directions with respect to said inner cap.

22. A safety closure comprising:

B 6 an outer cap, comprising a first top wall and a first cylindrical skirt depending from said first top wall, an inner surface of said first top wall having a plurality of lugs radially disposed thereon; and

an inner cap being rotatably received by the outer cap, said inner cap comprising a second top wall and a second cylindrical skirt depending from said second top wall, a plurality of recesses being radially disposed and formed at an intersection of said second top wall and said second cylindrical skirt,

said recesses and lugs being shaped such that said outer cap is free to move in both vertical and horizontal directions with respect to said inner cap and said lugs are not engaged by said recesses when said outer cap is turned in a closure opening direction unless a force urging said outer cap towards said inner cap is being simultaneously applied to said outer cap.